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*W. B. Compton
was among
The delegates
in Buffalo
for first time
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ABSTRACT OF MINUTES OF 1872.

[REMARKS.—In preparing an "Abstract" of the Minutes of 1872, I have felt it my duty to make it as brief as practicable. This abstract contains a showing of the spirit of that session. Except that of the trustees of Howard college, I have not considered myself called upon to give a synopsis of the reports. They are about of the usual character of such documents—in the main very good. The minutes and reports of that session will be returned to the clerk, Prof. A. B. Goodhue, of Oxford, who will preserve them, in manuscript.

I have made the Minutes of the Session for 1873 as brief as the nature and importance of the various items would allow. For the next session let me urge that it is very important that committees should prepare their reports before they go to the convention—1st, in order to have a good report; 2d, to be ready when called to report, and thus not delay the Convention.

J. J. D. RENTROE, Clerk for 1873.]

EFFAULA, FRIDAY, NOV. 8TH, 1872.

The Convention met with the Baptist Church on this day in this city.

ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTED.

The Alabama, Cahaba, Canaan, Carey, Coosa River, Effaula, Liberty, Newton, Tuskegee, Cahaba Valley, Shelby, Salem, Arbocoochee, Bigbee, Bethlehem, Providence.

CHURCHES.

Selma, 1st Montgomery, Rahamah, Oxford, Gadsden, Unity, Effaula, Siloam, Talladega, St. Francis etc etc, and five less important bodies; and six life members. About seventy delegates in all.

Rev. S. Henderson, D. D., was elected President, and Prof. A. B. Goodhue Secretary.

Agents and Secretaries present were invited to seats in their official capacity. Received correspondents from *South-East Ala. General Association*, six Messengers; from *Georgia Convention*, twelve Messengers.

Appointed Committees on *Preaching, Foreign and Domestic Missions, Finance, Education, Sabbath-Schools, Nominations, State of Religion*. Appointed special hours to consider the claims of Howard College, Sabbath Schools, Domestic Missions, Foreign Missions.

Received and adopted reports from the Trustees of Howard College, Judson Female Institute, State Sunday-School Board, on Education, Foreign Missions, Domestic Missions, State of Religion, Finance, Treasurer, On Nominations, From Educational Board, and other less important reports. Appointed delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention in Mobile.

The Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian pulpits of the city, were filled on Sabbath morning and evening by members of the Convention. Sabbath School meeting at Baptist Church, at 9 A. M.

PASSED RESOLUTIONS,

That not the Sabbath School only, but each Church of Christ is a school, in which every member is to learn and teach the truth; another expressive of sympathy and christian affection for the General Association of South-East Alabama; another endorsing the location of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Louisville, Ky.; another requesting each Baptist minister in the State to take a collection for Howard College; and recommending that the Trustees keep an agent in the field; another urging our people to send their sons to the Howard; another recommending the *Christian Index* to our churches as an organ of communication, and requesting the Proprietor of that paper to open an Alabama Department, with Editor having his office in this State, with such salary as will enable the said Editor to give proper attention to that position; another requesting the churches throughout the State to send to the Convention a report of all monies collected for all objects, so that it may be known what the denomination is doing in benevolence; another appointing a committee to prepare a suitable paper in memory of the late brother Gov. John Gill Shorter; another appointing the President of this body to draft a suitable order of business for subsequent sessions of this Convention.

The claims of the various objects fostered by the body were presented at the hours specially set apart to them and collections taken.

Rev. J. D. Roby was appointed to preach the next introductory sermon, and Rev. W. C. Cleveland, alternate.

The next Session of the Convention was appointed to be held with the Baptist Church in the city of Tuscaloosa, Friday before the second Sabbath in November, 1878.

Resolution of thanks. Adjourned Monday night.

S. HENDERSON, President.

A. B. GOODRICK, Secretary.

SYNOPSIS OF REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HOWARD COLLEGE FOR
YEAR 1871-72.

The number of students present is 124 against 104 at same period last year. There are five professors, presided over by Col. J. T. Murfee.

A new dining hall has been erected and the dormitories furnished with bedding and furniture at a cost of \$3,455. This outlay now enables us to give Tuition, Board, Furnished-room, Fuel, Washing and a Uniform Suit, for \$275 a Scholastic Year; and the same to Theological Students for \$175.

WM. W. WILKERSON, President.

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CONVENTION MINUTES.

TUSKALOOSA, ALA., FRIDAY, NOV. 7TH, 1873.

The Messengers composing the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, met this day at 11 o'clock in the Baptist house of worship in this city; the Rev. Samuel Henderson, former President, in the Chair, and J. J. D. Renfroe, Clerk pro tem.

1. After reading a chapter of the word of God and singing, the assembly was led in prayer by the Rev. P. M. Musgrove.

2. The following named brethren were enrolled as delegates in the capacity indicated by their credentials:

ASSOCIATIONS.

The Alabama.—W. C. Cleveland, T. N. Coleman, J. M. Nowell, II. W. Watson.

The Coosa River.—S. Henderson, E. T. Smith, Lealis Law, S. G. Jenkins, J. M. Crook, J. B. Fiquet, J. J. D. Renfroe.

The Cahaba Valley.—P. S. Montgomery.

The Canaan.—A. J. Waldrop C. Williams, W. H. Wood, R. W. Beck, T. F. Waldrop, E. B. Waldrop.

The Zion.—C. L. Thorenton.

The Cahaba.—R. C. Keeble, Wm. A. Bishop.

The Bigbee.—J. H. Henden, II. H. Sturgis, P. B. Brown, C. W. Buck, A. R. Scarborough.

The Tuskaloosa.—J. H. Foster, J. T. Yerby, T. M. Barber, R. C. Caffee, J. P. Thompson, A. D. Sanders, W. F. Goodson, J. Brown, N. H. Williams, J. B. Eddins.

The Warrior River.—P. M. Musgrove, V. H. Dean.

The Cherokee.—J. B. Appleton, N. W. Fielder, J. J. Cloud.

The Bethlehem.—B. F. Riley.

The North River.—D. Mannasco, L. B. Harbin, J. C. Cox, Wm. Ralldolph, J. J. Watts.

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